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SUBJ: SECOND CEREMONY TO MARK SAUDI GIFT OF MOSQUE TO CHAD

REF: A) NDJAMENA 2183; B) JIDDA 4959

1. NDJAMENA REFTEL REPORTED DECISION PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE TO SUSPEND CONTRACT SIGNED 16 AUG. BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND PRIVATE CHADIAN FIRM FOR CONSTRUCTION RELIGIOUS CENTER NDJAMENA ON GROUNDS IMPROPRIETY OF SIGNING CEREMONY. AFTER MEETINGS BETWEEN GOC, PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE AND SAUDI AMBASSADOR GHAZZAWI A SECOND CEREMONY WAS HELD ON 23 AUG. GOC MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS ABDOULAYE DJONOUMA AND SAUDI AMBASSADOR SIGNED ANOTHER COPY OF CONTRACT AND EXCHANGED WORDS OF WHOLESOME PRAISE ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND COMPATRIOTE AND KING FAYSAL. OTHER GOC OFFICIALS AND ISLAMIC AMBASSADORS WERE ALSO PRESENT, BUT NO DELEGATIONS FROM SAUDI ARABIA THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT: SAUDI AMBASSADOR TELLS ME THAT FINAL COMPROMISE, CONSISTING OF NEW SIGNING CEREMONY AND APOLOGY TO KING FAYSAL, REACHED ONLY AFTER LONG AND OCCASIONALLY WARM DISCUSSIONS. PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE AGREED TO SEND PERSONAL LETTER OF APOLOGY TO KING FAYSAL, TEXT OF WHICH SAUDI AMBASSADOR READ AND APPROVED, CONFIDENTIAL

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STATING THAT SUSPENSION ORIGINAL CONTRACT DUE TO "MISUNDER-

STANDING" AND FACT THAT PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE HAD NOT BEEN KEPT
SUFFICIENTLY WELL INFORMED OF NEGOTIATIONS BY HIS STAFF.
TOMBALBAYE BALKED AT SAUDI DESIRE THAT LETTER BE MADE PUBLIC
AND SAUDIS FINALLY AGREED TO TREAT LETTER AS CONFIDENTIAL.
SAUDI AMBASSADOR EPECTED GOC EMISSARY DEPART FOR RIAD AUG. 28
OR 29. CONSTRUCTION OF MOSQUE AND RELIGIOUS CENTER EXPECTED
BEGIN WITHIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS.
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